<u>Amendments to the claims</u>

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

<u>Listing of Claims:</u>

1. (original) A time studies chronometer with a changeable display wherein:

(a) for each task of a plurality of observed tasks, the display presents a plurality of generic task description options to describe the task, and

(b) the chronometer accepts input from a user to select one of said task description options for the task.

2. (original) A data carrier containing a computer program which, when run on a general purpose computer, causes the computer to be the chronometer of claim 1.

3. (original) The data carrier of claim 2 wherein the data carrier is a memory device.

4. (original) The data carrier of claim 2 wherein the data carrier is an electronic signal.

5. (original) The chronometer of claim 1 wherein each option is presented on the display with an icon.

6. (original) A data carrier containing a computer program which, when run on a general purpose computer, causes the computer to be the chronometer of claim 5.

7. (original) The chronometer of claim 1 wherein one of the options represents an unknown task and selection of this option by the user allows the user to enter a textual description of the task.

8. (original) A data carrier containing a computer program which, when run on a general purpose computer, causes the computer to be the chronometer of claim 7.

9. (original) The chronometer of claim 1 wherein the option descriptions are loaded into a memory of the chronometer by copying from an external memory coupled to the chronometer.

10.   (original)   A data carrier containing a computer program which, when run on a general purpose computer, causes the computer to be the chronometer of claim 9.

11.   (original)   The chronometer of claim 1 wherein the options are presented on a touch screen and the input from a user is accepted from the touch screen.

12.   (original)   A data carrier containing a computer program which, when run on a general purpose computer, causes the computer to be the chronometer of claim 11.

13.   (original)   The chronometer of claim 1 wherein data sets collected for each of a plurality of tasks which all have the same generic task description are associated together by the shared task description for subsequent processing together.

14.   (original)   A data carrier containing a computer program which, when run on a general purpose computer, causes the computer to be the chronometer of claim 13.

15.   (original)   The chronometer of claim 1 wherein, for time data, the subsequent processing includes one or more of computing the range, distribution, standard deviation, mean, or median.

16.   (original)   A data carrier containing a computer program which, when run on a general purpose computer, causes the computer to be the chronometer of claim 15.

17.   (original)   A data carrier containing a plurality of generic task description options to describe a task to be observed in a time study, for copying into a time studies chronometer with a changeable display for presenting the options on the display.

18.   (original)   The data carrier of claim 17 wherein the data carrier is a memory device.

19.   (original)   The data carrier of claim 17 wherein the data carrier is an electronic signal.

20.   (original)   The data carrier of claim 17 wherein each option is presented on the display with an icon.

21.   (original)   A time studies chronometer with a changeable display wherein:

(a)   for each of a plurality of tasks to be observed, the display presents a plurality of generic task characterization options to characterize a task, and

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(b)   the chronometer accepts input from a user to select one of said task characterization options.

22.   (original)   A data carrier containing a computer program which, when run on a general purpose computer, causes the computer to be the chronometer of claim 21.

23.   (original)   The chronometer of claim 21 wherein the options are presented on the display with one or more icons.

24.   (original)   A data carrier containing a computer program which, when run on a general purpose computer, causes the computer to be the chronometer of claim 23.

25.   (original)   The chronometer of claim 21 wherein the presented options include a characterization of value added or no value added.

26.   (original)   A data carrier containing a computer program which, when run on a general purpose computer, causes the computer to be the chronometer of claim 25.

27.   (original)   The chronometer of claim 21 wherein the presented options include a characterization of a method of inspection wherein the options comprise sight, touch, and device.

28.   (original)   A data carrier containing a computer program which, when run on a general purpose computer, causes the computer to be the chronometer of claim 27.

29.   (original)   The chronometer of claim 21 wherein the optional characterizations are loaded into a memory of the chronometer by copying from an external memory coupled to the chronometer.

30.   (original)   A data carrier containing a computer program which, when run on a general purpose computer, causes the computer to be the chronometer of claim 29.

31.   (original)   The chronometer of claim 21 wherein data sets collected for each of a plurality of tasks which all received the same characterization are associated together by the characterization for subsequent processing together.

32.   (original)   A data carrier containing a computer program which, when run on a general purpose computer, causes the computer to be the chronometer of claim 31.

Claims 33 – 94 (canceled)